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Tl Aberrant ***CpG*** island hypermethylation of chronic gastritis, in relation to aging, gender, intestinal metaplasia, and chronic inflammation

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PB American Society for Investigative Pathology
DT Journal

LA English

AB Aberrant hypermethylation of promoter ***CpG*** islands is an important mechanism for the inactivation of ***tumor*** suppressor genes. ***CpG*** island

hypermethylation occurs in relation to ***tumorigenesis*** or aging. ***Gastric*** cancer is one of the ***tumors*** with a high level of aberrant ***CpG*** island ***methylation***. However, the data on the ***methylation*** status of normal ***gastric*** mucosa was very limited. The present study attempted to compare the ***methylation*** status of nonneoplastic ***gastric*** mucosa, using clinicopathological parameters, including age, gender, Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori), acute and chronic inflammation, and intestinal metaplasia. Two hundred sixty-eight nonneoplastic ***gastric*** mucosa samples were studied for the ***methylation*** status of 11 genes (COX-2, DAP-kinase, E-cadherin, GSTP1, MGMT, hMLH1, p14, ***p16***, THBS1, TIMP3, and RASSF1A), using ***methylation*** specific PCR. ***CpG*** island hypermethylation was found in 53.7, 41, 37.7, 23.1, 18.7, 10.9, 10, 4.1, 3.4, 1.7, 0.4% for DAP-kinase, E-cadherin, THBS1, TIMP3, p14, MGMT, ***p16***, COX-2, GSTP1, hMLH1 and RASSF1A, resp. Five genes (DAP-kinase, E-cadherin, p14, THBS1, and TIMP-3) showed a general progressive increase in the ***methylation*** frequency as a function of aging, whereas the other genes (COX-2, GSTP1, MGMT, hMLH1, ***p16***, and RASSF1A) were rarely ***methylated***. Male patients showed higher nos. of ***methylated*** genes than females (3.2 vs. 2.1, resp., P = 0.002). Gastritis samples with marked intestinal metaplasia, showed higher nos. of genes ***methylated*** than those without (3.7 vs. 2.6, resp., P = 0.021). Gastritis samples with marked infiltration of mononuclear cells displayed higher nos. of genes ***methylated*** than those with mild or moderate infiltration of mononuclear cells (3.4 vs. 2.5 or 2.5, resp., P < 0.05). Our results demonstrated that many genes are ***methylated*** in the ***stomach*** as a function of age, and suggested that male gender, intestinal metaplasia, and chronic inflammation are closely assocd. with increased ***methylation*** in nonneoplastic ***gastric*** mucosa samples.

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AN 2003:616885 CAPLUS <<LOGINID::20080705>>
DN 139:271591
TI Detection of ***methylation*** of human p16INK4a gene 5'- ***CpG*** islands by electrochemical method coupled with linker-PCR

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SO Nucleic Acids Research (2003), 31(16), e92/1-e92/7 CODEN: NARHAD; ISSN: 0305-1048

PB Oxford University Press

DT Journal

LA English

AB Aberrant DNA ***methylation*** of the ***CpG*** site is among the earliest and most frequent alterations in cancer. Detection of promoter hypermethylation of cancer-related genes may be useful for cancer diagnosis or the detection of recurrence. ***p16***, an inhibitor of the cyclin D-dependent protein kinases, is a classical ***tumor*** suppressor gene, and its inactivation is closely assocd. with carcinogenesis. ***P16*** hypermethylation could be detected in each stage, which is consistent with the finding that aberrant ***methylation*** of ***p16*** is a very early event in

carcinogenesis. We have developed an electrochem procedure for detecting DNA ***methylation*** of the human p16INK4a gene. The procedure is based on the coupling of DNA electrochem. sensors with linker-PCR; amplified DNA from human ***gastric*** ***tumor*** tissue and whole blood cells of healthy human. The synthesized oligonucleotide was immobilized on the modified gold electrode to fabricate a DNA biosensor. The hybridization reaction on the electrode surface was monitored by cyclic voltammogram (CV) and square wave voltammogram (SWV), using [Co(phen)₃] (QO4)3 as a redox indicator. ***Methylation*** status of human p16INK4a gene was detected and the results were validated by bisulfite DNA sequencing. A good reproducibility was obsd. in several parallel expts. The coupling of DNA electrochem. sensors with PCR allowed quick detection and have the potential of the quant. evaluation of the ***methylation*** status of the human p16INK4a gene.

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Tl Age-related ***methylation*** of ***tumor*** suppressor and ***tumor*** -related genes: an analysis of autopsy samples

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SO Oncogene (2003), 22(26), 4128-4133 CODEN: ONCNES; ISSN: 0950-9232

PB Nature Publishing Group

DT Journal

LA English

AB Age-related ***methylation*** may have the potential to behave as a mutator process. To clarify the physiol. consequence of age-related ***methylation*** of ***tumor*** suppressor and ***tumor*** -related genes, the authors studied promoter ***methylation*** status in nonneoplastic cells of various organs obtained at autopsy by ***methylation*** -specific PCR. Promoter ***methylation*** status of APC, DAP-kinase, E-cadherin, GSTP1, hMLH1, ***p16***, RASSF1A and RUNX3 genes, which are frequently silenced in certain human malignancies, was studied in nonneoplastic cells of the esophagus, ***stomach***, small and large intestines, liver, pancreas, kidney and lung obtained from 38 Japanese autopsies. The ***tumor*** suppressor and ***tumor*** -related genes, except APC and RASSF1A, were generally unmethylated in samples obtained from people who were less than 32 yr old. ***Methylated*** promoters were present at variable frequencies in a tissue-specific manner in samples obtained from people who were greater than 42 yr old, although GSTP1 and hMLH1 ***methylation*** was absent or infrequent and lacked tissue specificity. In the majority of organs, the incidence of age-related ***methylation*** paralleled the reported ***methylation*** incidence in malignant counterparts. Thus, age-related ***methylation*** of a different set of genes is thought to constitute a field defect in different organs.

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AN 2003:336015 CAPLUS <<LOG IN ID::20080705>> DN 139:177695

Tl Profile of Aberrant ***CpG*** Island ***Methylation*** Along the Multistep Pathway of ***Gastric*** Carcinogenesis AU Kang, Gyeong Hoon; Lee, Sun; Kim, Jung-Sun; Jung, Hwoon-Yong

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SO Laboratory Investigation (2003), 83(5), 635-641 CODEN: LAINAW; ISSN: 0023-6837

PB Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

DT Journal

LA English

AB To date, several reports on ***methylation*** of various genes in ***gastric*** cancer (GC) were published. However, most of these studies focused on cancer tissues or a single gene only and gave no information about the ***methylation*** status of specific genes in the premalignant stages or about the concurrent ***methylation*** of other genes in specific lesions. We attempted to investigate ***methylation*** of multiple genes in a large sample collection of GC (n = 80). ***gastric*** adenoma (GA) (n = 79), intestinal metaplasia (IM) (n = 57), and chronic gastritis (CG) (n = 74). We detd. the ***methylation*** frequency of 12 genes, including APC, COX-2, DAP-kinase, E-cadherin, GSTP1, hMLH1, MGMT, ***p16***, p14, RASSF1A, THBS1, and TIMP3 by ***methylation*** -specific PCR. Five different classes of ***methylation*** behaviors were found: (1) genes ***methylated*** in GC only (GSTP1 and RASSF1A); (2) genes showing low ***methylation*** frequency (<12%) in CG, IM, and GA, but significantly higher ***methylation*** frequency in GC (COX-2, hMLH1, and ***p16***); (3) a gene with low and similar ***methylation*** frequency (8.8-21.3%) in four-step lesions (MGMT); (4) genes with high and similar ***methylation*** frequency (53-85%) in four-step lesions (APC and E-cadherin); and (5) genes showing an increasing tendency with or without fluctuation of the ***methylation*** frequency along the progression (DAP-kinase, p14, THBS1, and TIMP3). The av. no. of ***methylated*** genes was 2.7, 3.6, 3.4, and 5.2 per 12 tested genes in CG, IM, GA, and GC, resp. Our results suggest that ***tumor*** suppressor genes show a gene type-specific ***methylation*** profile and that aberrant ***CpG*** island ***methylation*** tends to accumulate along the pathway of multistep carcinogenesis.

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Tl Profile of Aberrant ***CpG*** Island ***methylation*** along multistep ***gastric*** carcinogenesis

AU Kang, Gyeong Hoon; Lee, Sun; Kim, Jung-Sun; Jung, Hwoon-Yong

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SO Laboratory Investigation (2003), 83(4), 519-526 CODEN: LAINAW; ISSN: 0023-6837

PB Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

DT Journal

LA English

AB The ***stomach*** is one of the organs whose epithelial cells frequently undergo aberrant ***methylation*** of ***CpG*** islands. To date, several reports on the ***methylation*** of various genes in ***gastric*** cancer

(GC) have been published. However, most of these studies have focused on cancer tissues or a single gene only and gave no information about the ***methylation*** status of specific genes in the premalignant stages or the concurrent ***methylation*** of other genes in specific lesions. We attempted to investigate ***methylation*** of multiple genes in a large sample collection of GC (n = 80), ***gastric*** adenoma (GA) (n = 79), intestinal metaplasia (IM) (n = 57), and chronic gastritis (CG) (n = 74). We detd. the ***methylation*** frequency of 12 genes, including APC, COX-2, DAP-kinase, E-cadherin, GSTP1, hMLH1, MGMT, ***p16***, p14, RASSF1A, THBS1, and TIMP3, by ***methylation*** specific PCR. Five different classes of ***methylation*** behaviors were found: (a) genes ***methylated*** in GC only (GSTP1 and RASSF1A), (b) genes showing low ***methylation*** frequency (<12%) in CG, IM, and ***gastric*** adenoma (GA) but significantly higher ***methylation*** frequency in GC (COX-2, hMLH1, ***p16***), (c) a gene with low and similar ***methylation*** frequency (8.8-21.3%) in four-step lesions (MGMT), (d) genes with high and similar ***methylation*** frequency (53-85%) in four-step lesions (APC and E-cadherin), and (e) genes showing an increasing tendency with or without fluctuation of the ***methylation*** frequency along the progression (DAP-kinase, p14, THBS1, and TIMP-3). The av. no. of ***methylated*** genes was 2.7, 3.6, 3.4, and 5.2 per 12 tested genes in CG, IM, GA, and GC, resp. Aberrant ***methylation*** at multiple loci in the same lesions suggests an overall deregulation of the ***methylation*** control, which occurs early in multistep ***gastric*** carcinogenesis. Our results suggest that ***tumor*** suppressor genes show a gene-type specific ***methylation*** profile along the multistep carcinogenesis and that aberrant ***CpG*** island ***methylation*** tend to accumulate along the multistep carcinogenesis.

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DN 138:383158

TI Global and non-random ***CpG*** -island

methylation in ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** associated with Epstein-Barr virus

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SO Cancer Science (2003), 94(1), 76-80 CODEN: CSACOM; ISSN: 1347-9032

PB Japanese Cancer Association

DT Journal

LA English

AB DNA hypermethylation may play a primary role in the genesis of Epstein-Barr virus (EBV)-assoced. ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** (GO) (EB-VaGC). ***Methylation*** specific PCR targeting ***CpG*** -islands demonstrated markedly increased ***methylation*** of specific genes, such as p14, p15 and ***p16*** genes, in EBVaGC *in vivo*. A high frequency of ***methylation*** was obsd. in an EBVaGC strain of severe combined immunodeficiency mice, and the expression of ***methylated*** genes in the strain was apparently lower than the expression of the unmethylated genes

in EBV-neg. GC strains. Although over-expression of DNA ***methyltransferases*** (DNMTs) is known to be assocd. with some human cancers, real-time PCR demonstrated that DNMTs expression was suppressed in EBVaGC. The DNA ***methylation*** of specific genes, independently of DNMTs expression, may be important in the development of EBVaGC.
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DN 138:383015

TI ***p16*** hypermethylation during ***gastric*** carcinogenesis of Wistar rats by N- ***methyl*** -N-nitro-N-nitrosoguanidine

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SO Mutation Research, Genetic Toxicology and Environmental Mutagenesis (2003), 535(1), 73-78 CODEN: MRGMF1; ISSN: 1383-5718

PB Elsevier B.V.

DT Journal

LA English

AB Inactivation of the ***tumor*** suppressor gene, ***p16*** by ***CpG*** hypermethylation is a common event in various ***tumors*** including ***gastric*** ***carcinoma***. The aim of this study is to investigate if ***p16*** hypermethylation is an early and frequent event in ***gastric*** carcinogenesis induced by N- ***methyl*** -N-nitro-N-nitrosoguanidine (MNNG). The frequency and timing of ***p16*** hypermethylation during the multistep ***gastric*** carcinogenesis in Wistar rats were analyzed in various microdissected ***gastric*** lesions. The ***p16*** ***methylation*** status and the presence of ***p16*** protein were analyzed by ***methylation*** specific PCR and immunohistochem., resp. Results showed that ***p16*** ***methylation*** frequency was correlated with the severity of ***gastric*** pathol. lesions, pos. For instance, ***p16*** ***methylation*** was found in 2.7% of normal ***gastric*** epithelium (n=36), 16.7% of chronic atrophy gastritis (n=24), 37.5% of ***dysplasia*** (n=24), 67.4% of ***gastric*** adenoma (n=43), and 85.2% of ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** (n=27). The ***p16*** ***methylation*** in the distal ***stomach*** epithelium was higher than that in the proximal ***stomach***. ***p16*** protein was expressed in all of 15 ***p16*** unmethylated ***gastric*** epithelial samples, but not expressed in all of 12 ***p16*** ***methylated*** samples. These results suggest that ***CpG*** island hypermethylation may account for the silencing of ***p16*** in rat ***stomach*** and is an early event whose accumulation will finally lead to ***gastric*** carcinogenesis.
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DN 138:252629

TI ***P16*** hypermethylation contributes to the characterization of gene inactivation profiles in primary ***gastric*** cancer

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SO Oncology Reports (2003), 10(1), 169-173 CODEN: OCREPW; ISSN: 1021-335X

PB Oncology Reports

DT Journal

LA English

AB The objective of this study was to investigate the contribution of ***p16*** inactivation in ***gastric*** cancer and to compare it with p53. A cohort of 34 primary GCs were analyzed for ***p16*** mutations and transcriptional silencing of the gene due to hypermethylation of the promoter. SSCP anal. and direct sequencing of exons 1 and 2 of the ***p16*** gene were performed to detect any structural alterations. The ***methylation*** specific PCR (MSP) assay was applied to reveal hypermethylation of the ***CpG*** island in the regulatory region using specific primer pairs for ***methylated*** and unmethylated nucleotides after a chem. reaction converting cytosines into uracile when unmethylated. SSCP and direct sequencing anal. did not detect any ***p16*** mutations. The MSP assay showed 4 MSP+ variants (11.8%). Three MSP+ were stage III-IV disease and 1 MSP+ was detected in an early stage disease (IB). All MSP+ were diffuse type adenocarcinomas. The MSP+ samples were different from previously reported samples harboring p53 mutations in the same cohort. These data increase the no. of ***gastric*** cancers showing alterations of either p53 or ***p16*** to 29.4% (10/34). Functional inactivation by hypermethylation of the ***p16*** locus and p53 mutations could play a significant, complementary role in the pathogenesis of sporadic ***gastric*** cancer.

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DN 138:2963

TI Promoter ***methylation*** status of E-cadherin, hMLH1, and ***p16*** genes in nonneoplastic ***gastric*** epithelia

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SO American Journal of Pathology (2002), 161(2), 399-403 CODEN: AJPA4; ISSN: 0002-9440

PB American Society for Investigative Pathology

DT Journal

LA English

AB Silencing of ***tumor*** suppressor and ***tumor***-related genes by hypermethylation at promoter ***CpG*** islands is one of the major events in human ***tumorigenesis***. Promoter ***methylation*** is also present in nonneoplastic cells as an age-related tissue-specific phenomenon that precedes the development of ***neoplasia***. To clarify the significance of promoter ***methylation*** in nonneoplastic ***gastric*** epithelia as a precancerous signal, we investigated promoter ***methylation*** status of E-cadherin, hMLH1, and ***p16*** genes in nonneoplastic cells of various organs obtained at autopsy, and compared the results with those of

nonneoplastic epithelia of a cancerous ***stomach***. ***Methylation*** of these genes was not seen in nonneoplastic cells of organs from people who were 22 yr and younger (0%, 0 of 6). In contrast, E-cadherin and ***p16*** were ***methylated*** in nonneoplastic ***gastric*** epithelia of persons who were 45 yr or older. The nos. were 86% (12 of 14) and 29% (4 of 14), resp. E-cadherin ***methylation*** occurred preferentially in the intestines, whereas ***p16*** ***methylation*** was almost restricted to the ***stomach***. For samples obtained from patients with ***stomach*** cancer, ***methylation*** was frequently obsr. in both ***neoplastic*** and corresponding nonneoplastic ***gastric*** epithelia; 47% (44 of 94) and 67% (63 of 94) for E-cadherin, 32% (30 of 94) and 24% (23 of 94) for hMLH1, and 22% (21 of 94) and 44% (41 of 94) for ***p16***, resp. hMLH1 ***methylation*** was not seen in nonneoplastic ***gastric*** epithelia from autopsy samples but occurred significantly in samples from nonneoplastic tissues of individuals with ***stomach*** cancer. Therefore, detection of hMLH1 ***methylation*** in nonneoplastic ***gastric*** epithelia may be useful for screening patients who may be at risk of developing ***gastric*** cancer.

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TI Epstein-Barr virus-positive ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** demonstrates frequent aberrant ***methylation*** of multiple genes and constitutes ***CpG*** island ***methylator*** phenotype-positive ***gastric*** ***carcinoma***

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AB ***CpG*** island ***methylation*** is an important mechanism for inactivating the genes involved in ***tumorigenesis***. ***Gastric*** ***carcinoma*** (GC) is one of the ***tumors*** that exhibits a high frequency of aberrant ***CpG*** island ***methylation***. There have been many reports suggesting a close link between Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) and the development of GC. However, little is known about the oncogenic mechanism of EBV in ***gastric*** carcinogenesis. Twenty-one cases of EBV-pos. GC and 56 cases of EBV-neg. GC were examined for aberrant DNA ***methylation*** of the ***CpG*** islands of 19 genes or loci and the differences in the ***methylation*** frequency between EBV-pos. and -neg. GCs were investigated to det. the role of aberrant ***methylation*** in EBV-related ***gastric*** carcinogenesis. The av. no. of ***methylated*** genes or loci was higher in EBV-pos. GCs than in EBV-neg. GCs (13.4 vs. 7.8, resp., P < 0.001). EBV-pos. GCs showed ***methylation*** in at least 10 ***CpG*** islands (52.6% of the tested genes), whereas 62.5% of EBV-neg. GCs showed ***methylation*** in <10 ***CpG*** islands. THBS1, APC, ***p16***, 14-3-3 sigma, MINT1, and MINT25 were

*** methylated*** at a frequency > 90% in EBV-pos. GCs. The ***methylation*** frequency difference in the resp. *** CpG *** islands between EBV-pos. and -neg. GCs was statistically significant ($P < 0.05$). Among these genes or loci, the ***methylation*** frequency of ***p16*** in the EBV-pos. GCs was more than three times higher than in the EBV-neg. GCs. The PTEN, RASSF1A, GSTP1, MGMT, and MIN12 were ***methylated*** in EBV-pos. GCs at a frequency of more than three times that of the EBV-neg. GCs. These results demonstrate a relationship between EBV and aberrant ***methylation*** in GC and suggest that aberrant ***methylation*** may be an important mechanism of EBV-related ***gastric*** carcinogenesis.

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TI ***Tumor*** suppressor genes in the 9p21 gene cluster are selective targets of inactivation in neuroendocrine gastroenteropancreatic ***tumors***
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LA English

AB Functional inactivation of the Rb and p53 pathways appears to be a rite of passage for all cancerous cells. However, p53 and Rb alterations are rare events in neuroendocrine gastroenteropancreatic (GEP) ***tumors***. The CDKN2 locus on chromosome 9p21 sits at the nexus of both pathways harboring ***tumor*** suppressor genes, which restrain cell growth by affecting the function of pRb and p53. Therefore, the authors analyzed the implication of their inactivation in 37 primary neuroendocrine GEP ***tumors*** and two cell culture models. RT-PCR analysis revealed loss of expression of at least one of the ***tumor*** suppressor genes CDKN2A/ ***p16***, CDKN2B/p15, and CDKN2D/p14 with distinct genetic profiles, most frequently in nonfunctional pancreatic ***tumors*** (57%) and small intestinal carcinoids (44%), and less commonly in insulinomas (30%) and gastrinomas (22%).

DNA anal. and ***methylation*** - specific PCR attributed loss of expression to either homozygous deletion or 5' ***CpG*** island hypermethylation. 5-Aza-2-deoxycytidine treatment reversed CDKN2A/ ***p16*** and CDKN2B/p15 silencing with concurrent growth restraint. Thus, ***tumor*** suppressor genes localized in the 9p21 gene cluster are specific targets of inactivation in neuroendocrine GEP ***tumors***, and demethylating agents might hold promise for selective therapy.

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TI Concurrent hypermethylation of multiple ***tumor*** - related genes in ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** and adjacent normal tissues

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LA English

AB Transcriptional silencing by ***CpG*** -island hypermethylation now is believed to be an important mechanism of ***tumorigenesis***. To date, studies on ***CpG*** -island hypermethylation in ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** and adjacent normal tissues are few. The authors examd. 5 ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** cell lines, 26 frozen ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** tissues and their adjacent nontumor area for concurrent ***CpG*** -island hypermethylation in 6 ***tumor*** -related genes (p15, ***p16***, E-cadherin, GST-pi, hMLH1 and VHL) by ***methylation*** -specific PCR. Nontumorous ***gastric*** tissues from 10 gastritis patients were used as controls. Hypermethylation was not detected in any tissue taken from gastritis patients but was identified in all 5 cell lines and in 24 (92.3%) ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** patients.

CpG -island ***methylation*** in ***tumor*** -related genes also was detected in 7 out of the 25 adjacent normal tissues from cancer patients. Hypermethylation of E-cadherin, p15, and ***p16*** were detected more frequently than GST-pi and hMLH1, whereas aberrant ***methylation*** of VHL was not detected. Concurrent hypermethylation in 2 or more ***tumor*** -related genes was detected in 3 out of the 5 ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** cell lines, 22 (84.6%) ***tumor*** samples, and 5 (20%) adjacent ***gastric*** tissues. 18 (69.2%) ***Tumor*** samples showed hypermethylation in stomach, 3 genes. The current study showed that concurrent hypermethylation of multiple ***tumor*** -related genes is detected frequently in ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** and adjacent normal tissues. Study findings suggested that a mechanism that leads to dysregulation in ***CpG*** -island ***methylation*** is likely to be involved in the early ***gastric*** carcinogenesis process.

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TI ***CpG*** island ***methylation*** in premalignant stages of ***gastric*** ***carcinoma***

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DT Journal

LA English

AB There are limited reports on ***methylation*** anal. of the premalignant lesions of ***gastric*** ***carcinoma***

thus far. This is despite the fact that ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** is one of the ***tumors*** with a high frequency of ***CpG*** island hypermethylation. To det. the frequency and timing of hypermethylation during multistep ***gastric*** carcinogenesis, non-***neoplastic*** ***gastric*** mucosa, chronic gastritis, intestinal metaplasia, adenomas, and ***carcinomas*** were analyzed for their ***p16***, human Mut L homolog 1 (hMLH1), death-associated protein (DAP)-kinase, thrombospondin-1 (THBS1), and tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase 3 (TIMP-3) ***methylation*** status using ***methylation***-specific PCR. Three different classes of ***methylation*** behaviors were found in the five tested genes. DAP-kinase was ***methylated*** at a similar frequency in all four stages, whereas hMLH1 and ***p16*** were ***methylated*** in cancer samples (20.3% and 42.2%, resp.) more frequently than in intestinal metaplasia (6.3% and 2.1%, resp.) or adenomas (9.8% and 11.5%, resp.). However, hMLH1 and ***p16*** were not ***methylated*** in chronic gastritis. THBS1 and TIMP-3 were ***methylated*** in all stages but showed a marked increase in hypermethylation frequency from chronic gastritis (10.1% and 14.5%, resp.) to intestinal metaplasia (34.7% and 36.7%, resp.) and from adenomas (28.3% and 26.7%, resp.) to ***carcinomas*** (48.4% and 57.4%, resp.). The hMLH1, THBS1, and TIMP-3 hypermethylation frequencies were similar in both intestinal metaplasia and adenomas, but the ***p16*** hypermethylation frequency tended to be higher in adenomas (15.8%) than in intestinal metaplasia (2.1%). The av. no. of ***methylated*** genes was 0.6, 1.1, 1.1, and 2.0 per five genes per sample in chronic gastritis, intestinal metaplasia, adenomas, and ***carcinomas***, resp. This shows a marked increase in ***methylated*** genes from non-metaplastic mucosa to intestinal metaplasia as well as from premalignant lesions to ***carcinomas***. These results suggest that ***CpG*** island hypermethylation occur early in multistep ***gastric*** carcinogenesis and tend to accumulate along the multistep carcinogenesis.

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TI DNA ***methyltransferase*** expression and DNA ***methylation*** of ***CpG*** islands and peri-centromeric satellite regions in human colorectal and ***stomach*** cancers

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DT Journal

LA English

AB The authors evaluated the significance of aberrant DNA ***methyltransferase*** expression in human carcinogenesis by examp. 32 colorectal and 34 ***stomach*** cancers. Levels of mRNAs encoding DNA ***methyltransferases*** were measured by reverse transcription, followed by real-time quant. detection of PCR products. The DNA ***methylation*** state of ***CpG*** islands and peri-centromeric satellite regions was exampd. by bisulfite modification and Southern blotting, resp. The av. level of mRNA for DNMT1 and DNMT3b in

colorectal and ***stomach*** cancers was significantly higher than in corresponding non-cancerous mucosae, whereas the av. level of mRNA for DNMT2 was significantly lower in colorectal and ***stomach*** cancers than in non-cancerous tissue. Over-expression of DNMT3b in ***stomach*** cancer was significantly higher in cases with lymph node metastasis than in cases without. DNA hypermethylation on the ***p16***, human Mut L homolog-1 and thrombospondin-1 genes and the ***methylated*** in ***tumor*** (MINT) 1, 2, 12, 25 and 31 clones was found in 23%, 27%, 9%, 23%, 20%, 23%, 20% and 10% of the colon cancers and in 9%, 19%, 30%, 25%, 34%, 19%, 81% and 3% of the ***stomach*** cancers, resp. Criteria for identification of the ***CpG*** island ***methylator*** phenotype (CIMP) were met in 23% of colorectal cancers and 31% of ***stomach*** cancers. DNA hypomethylation on satellites 2 and 3 was detected in 0% and 8% of colorectal and ***stomach*** cancers, resp. Over-expression of DNMT1 mRNA was significantly assocwd. with CIMP, whereas the level of DNMT3b mRNA was not assocwd. with CIMP or DNA hypomethylation of pericentromeric satellite regions. These data suggest that both over-expression of the maintenance DNA ***methyltransferase*** DNMT1 and over-expression of a newly identified de novo DNA ***methyltransferase***, DNMT3b, are involved in human carcinogenesis, probably at different stages and through different mechanisms.

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TI ***Methylation*** of specific ***CpG*** sites in the promoter region could significantly down-regulate p16INK4a expression ***gastric*** adenocarcinoma

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DT Journal

LA English

AB Silencing of p16INK4a by ***methylation*** of the ***CpG*** islands in the promoter region was found to be an alternative mechanism of inactivation in several ***tumors***. However, in ***gastric*** ***carcinoma***, the relationship between ***methylation*** status and the transcriptional silencing of the ***p16*** gene remains to be clarified. In this study, the authors investigated whether ***methylation*** of a few specific ***CpG*** sites in the promoter region could significantly down-regulate ***p16*** activity in the ***tumorigenesis*** of ***gastric*** ***carcinoma***. By Southern anal. and bisulfite-modified genomic sequencing of 9 ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** cell lines, we found that the 5 cell lines (55%) not expressing ***p16*** mRNA had ***methylated*** ***CpG*** sites at the promoter region of ***p16***. In addn., we analyzed the ***p16*** protein expression of 28 primary ***gastric*** ***carcinomas*** and their normal counterparts by immunohistochem. staining (IHC) on paraffin sections. Loss of ***p16*** expression was detected in 6 cases (22%). In 5 out of these 6 (83%), the actual ***p16***

gene was inactivated by de novo ***methylation*** of the promoter sites. Taken together, these results suggest a strong correlation between de novo ***methylation*** of a few specific ***CpG*** sites and transcriptional silencing of the ***p16*** gene is ***gastric*** ***carcinoma***.

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TI Correlation of ***p16*** hypermethylation with ***p16*** protein loss in sporadic ***gastric*** ***carcinomas***

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DT Journal

LA English

AB Hypermethylation of ***p16*** has been detected frequently in a variety of cancer cells and is known to repress the level of ***p16*** transcription. In human ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** (GC) cells, ***p16*** protein loss has often been detected, but genetic alterations of ***p16*** are infrequent. To investigate the mol. mechanism of ***p16*** gene inactivation in ***gastric*** carcinogenesis, we examined the ***methylation*** status of ***p16*** in GC using ***methylation*** specific PCR. Thirty-seven of eighty-eight (42%) GC showed ***p16*** hypermethylation.

(Immunohistochem. anal. of 41 cases of GC showed a complete loss of ***p16*** immunoreactivity in 19 of 22 (86%) ***methylation*** pos. cases, but in only 2 of 19 (11%) ***methylation*** neg. cases. Of 88 GC, 21 cases were previously identified as having microsatellite instability (MSI). Interestingly, 13 of 21 (62%) MSI-pos. ***tumors*** and 24 of 67 (36%) MSI-neg. ***tumors*** had hypermethylation on ***p16***. The relatively high frequency of hypermethylation on ***p16*** and the strong correlation between the immunoreactivity and ***methylation*** patterns suggest that ***methylation*** is an important mechanism for ***p16*** gene inactivation in GC.

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TI Aberrant ***methylation*** in ***gastric*** cancer associated with the ***CpG*** island ***methylator*** phenotype

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AB Aberrant ***methylation*** of 5' ***CpG*** islands is thought to play an important role in the inactivation of ***tumor*** suppressor genes in cancer. In colorectal cancer, a group of ***tumors*** is characterized by a hypermethylator phenotype termed ***CpG*** island ***methylator*** phenotype (CIMP), which includes ***methylation*** of such genes as ***p16*** and hMLH1. To study whether CIMP is present in ***gastric*** cancer, the ***methylation*** status of five newly cloned ***CpG*** islands was examined in 56 ***gastric*** cancers using bisulfite-PCR. Simultaneous ***methylation*** of three loci or more was observed in 23 (41%) of 56 cancers, which suggests that these ***tumors*** have the hypermethylator phenotype CIMP. There was a significant concordance between CIMP and the ***methylation*** of known genes including ***p16***, and hMLH1; ***methylation*** of ***p16*** was detected in 16 (70%) of 23 CIMP+ ***tumors***, 1 (8%) of 12 CIMP intermediate ***tumors***, and 1 (5%) of 21 CIMP- ***tumors***. ***Methylation*** of the hMLH1 gene was detected in three of five ***tumors*** that showed microsatellite instability, and all three of the cases were CIMP+. The CIMP phenotype is an early event in ***gastric*** cancer, being present in the normal tissue adjacent to cancer in 5 of 56 cases. These results suggest that CIMP may be one of the major pathways that contribute to ***tumorigenesis*** in ***gastric*** cancers.

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DN 132:164378

TI Distinct ***methylation*** pattern and microsatellite instability in sporadic ***gastric*** cancer

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AB Aberrant 5' ***CpG*** island ***methylation*** is an alternative mechanism of gene inactivation during the development of cancer as demonstrated for several ***tumor*** suppressor genes. Also, marked relation of microsatellite instability (MSI) and DNA ***methylation*** has been reported in sporadic colorectal cancer, which is a result of epigenetic inactivation of hMLH1 in association of promoter hypermethylation. In the present study, the authors investigated the 5' ***CpG*** island hypermethylation of hMLH1, E-cadherin and ***p16*** in 61 primary ***gastric*** cancers (GCs) by using combined bisulfite restriction analysis (COBRA) and ***methylation*** specific PCR (MSP), and their MSI status. Of 61 GCs investigated, 5 (8.1%) ***tumors*** presented hMLH1 ***methylation***, 16 (26.2%) and 25 (40.9%) showed E-cadherin and ***p16*** ***methylation*** resp., and 8 (13.1%) presented high-frequency MSI (MSI-H). Of the 8 MSI-H patients, 5 presented hMLH1 ***methylation***, whereas no low-frequency MSI (MSI-L) and microsatellite stable (MSS) cases exhibited hMLH1 ***methylation*** (5/8 vs. 0/43). Furthermore, these patients also presented E-cadherin and ***p16*** hypermethylation. The data showed a significant correlation between hMLH1

methylation and MSI in GC, and suggested that a common mechanism of aberrant de novo ***methylation*** can be postulated in these cancers.

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TI Alterations of p16INK4a and p15INK4B genes in

gastric ***carcinoma***

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LA English

AB It has been suggested that cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors (CDKIs), including ***p16*** and p15, are ***tumor*** suppressor genes. Alterations of CDKIs have been found in most types of cancer. However, little is known about the status of ***p16*** and p15 genes, including ***methylation*** of the promoter region, in ***gastric*** ***carcinoma***. Thirty-six primary ***gastric*** ***tumors*** and 9 ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** cell lines were examined for alterations of the ***p16*** and p15 genes. Deletion of the ***p16*** and p15 genes was assessed by Southern blot analysis, expression by Northern blot analysis, and mutation by polymerase chain reaction-single strand conformation polymorphism followed by direct sequencing. The ***methylation*** status of the 5' ***CpG*** island of the ***p16*** gene was evaluated using ***methylation*** sensitive restriction enzymes, and reversal of the transcriptional block of the ***p16*** gene was determined by Northern blot analysis after treatment with 5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine. Homozygous deletions of the ***p16*** and 15 genes from 2 of 9 ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** cell lines were found. In contrast, no deletions were detected in 36 primary ***gastric*** ***tumors***, and one primary ***tumor*** showed rearrangements of the ***p16*** and p15 genes. Two ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** cell lines showed a point mutation and an insertion mutation of the ***p16*** gene, respectively; however, no point mutations were noted for the ***p16*** and p15 genes in any of the primary ***gastric*** ***tumors***. Constitutive levels of ***p16*** mRNA expression in ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** cell lines were quite heterogeneous; four ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** cell lines had no detectable ***p16*** mRNA and 6 ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** cell lines had negligible expression of p15 mRNA. Of 10 primary ***gastric*** ***tumors***, only 1 ***tumor*** expressed ***p16*** mRNA. Furthermore, abnormal DNA ***methylation*** patterns of the ***p16*** gene were found in 2 ***gastric*** ***carcinoma*** cell lines through the use of ***methylation***-sensitive restriction enzymes. These cell lines lacked expression of ***p16*** mRNA without deletions of the ***p16*** gene. These transcriptional blocks were reversed by treatment with 5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine. Deletions of mutations of the ***p16*** and p15 genes are uncommon in primary ***gastric***

carcinomas. However, defective mRNA transcription, sometimes by aberrant DNA ***methylation***, might be one of the pathways of inactivation of the ***p16*** gene that leads to the development of ***gastric*** ***carcinoma***.

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